

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Frazier et al.**

Serial No.: **09/692,341**

Filed: **October 19, 2000**

For: **Method and Apparatus for Ensuring Scalable Mastership During Initialization of a System Area Network**

§ Group Art Unit: **2144**
§ Examiner: **Kapadia, Milan S.**
§ Attorney Docket No.: **AUS9-2000-0633-US1**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED

APR 20 2004

Technology Center 2100

Sir:

Applicants request that the information listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Office during the pendency of the above entitled application, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97.

Please charge any fees necessary for prosecution of the present application to Deposit Account No. 09-0447. If any extension of time is required, such extension is hereby requested. Please charge any additional required fee for extension of time to Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not constitute an admission that any information cited therein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(b). In the interest of full and complete disclosure to the Office, some or all of the art cited herein may not be considered by Applicant(s) or the Undersigned to be material under the new standards of materiality defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(b), enacted March 16, 1992, but may be material under the old standard of materiality defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a), last amended on November 28, 1988, or may merely be technical background which may be of interest to the Examiner. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

0/2004 CCHAU1 00000143 09692341

C:1806

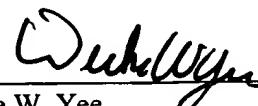
180.00 0P

Frazier et al. - 09/692,341
Page 1 of 2

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a final action or a notice of allowance. A check for the required fee of \$180.00 as set forth in § 1.17(p) is enclosed.

Date: 3/30/04

Respectfully submitted,



Duke W. Yee
Registration No. 34,285
Carstens, Yee & Cahoon, L.L.P.
P.O. Box 802334
Dallas, Texas 75380
(972) 367-2001

Form PTO-1449		ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. AUS9-2000-0633-US1	SERIAL NO. 09/692,341	RECEIVED APR 20 2004
LIST OF PRIOR ART CITED BY APPLICANT <small>(Use several sheets if necessary)</small>		APPLICANT Frazier et al.		
		FILING DATE October 19, 2000		
		GROUP ART UNIT 2144		
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS				
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	PUBLICATION DATE	INVENTOR NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS
AA	5,729,686	Mar. 17, 1998	Heck et al.	395/200.38
AB	5,951,683	Sep. 14, 1999	Yuuki et al.	713/1
AC	6,199,133 B1	Mar. 6, 2001	Schnell	710/110
AD	6,192,397 B1	Feb. 20, 2001	Thompson	709/209
AE	5,793,968	Aug. 11, 1998	Gregerson et al.	395/200.39
AF	5,461,608	Oct. 24, 1995	Yoshiyama	370/16.1
AG	4,939,752	Jul. 3, 1990	Literati et al.	375/107
AH	4,814,984	Mar. 21, 1989	Thompson	364/200
AI	5,907,689	May 25, 1999	Tavallaei et al.	395/290
AJ	6,363,416 B1	Mar. 26, 2002	Naeimi et al.	709/209
AK	5,884,036	Mar. 16, 1999	Haley	395/200.54
AL	6,092,214	Jul. 18, 2000	Quoc et al.	714/4
AM	6,298,376 B1	Oct. 2, 2001	Rosner et al.	709/209
AN	6,311,321 B1	Oct. 30, 2001	Agnihotri et al.	717/1
AO	6,389,432 B1	May 14, 2002	Pothapragada et al.	707/205
AP	6,694,361 B1	Feb. 17, 2004	Shah et al.	709/222
AQ	4,975,829	Dec. 4, 1990	Clarey et al.	364/200
AR	6,529,286 B1	Mar. 4, 2003	King	358/1.14
AS	6,330,555 B1	Dec. 11, 2001	Weber	707/2
AT	5,185,736	Feb. 9, 1993	Tyrrell et al.	370/55
AU	6,674,911 B1	Jan. 6, 2004	Pearlman et al.	382/240
AV	5,617,537	Apr. 1, 1997	Yamada et al.	395/200.01
AW	5,218,680	Jun. 8, 1993	Farrell et al.	395/325
AX	6,098,098	Aug. 1, 2000	Sandahl et al.	709/221
AY	6,496,503 B1	Dec. 17, 2002	Pelissier et al.	370/389
DATE CONSIDERED		EXAMINER		
EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP § 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.				

Form PTO-1449			ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. AUS9-2000-0633-US1	SERIAL NO. 09/647,424	RECEIVED
LIST OF PRIOR ART CITED BY APPLICANT <small>(Use several sheets if necessary)</small>			APR 20 2004		
			APPLICANT Frazier et al.	Technology Center 2100	
			FILING DATE October 19, 2000	GROUP ART UNIT 2144	
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	PUBLICATION DATE	INVENTOR NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
AZ	4,951,225	Aug. 21, 1990	Lee et al.	364/513	Nov. 14, 1988
BA	6,269,396 B1	Jul. 31, 2001	Shah et al.	709/223	Dec. 11, 1998
BB	6,032,191	Feb. 29, 2000	Chowdhury et al.	709/238	Oct. 28, 1997
BC	6,222,822 B1	Apr. 24, 2001	Gerardin et al.	370/230	Mar. 31, 1997
BD	5,513,368	Apr. 30, 1996	Garcia, Jr. et al.	395/842	Jul. 16, 1993
BE	5,402,416	Mar. 28, 1995	Cieslak et al.	370/60	Jan. 5, 1994
BF	6,636,520 B1	Oct. 21, 2003	Jason et al.	370/401	Dec. 21, 1999
BG	6,108,739	Aug. 22, 2000	James et al.	710/113	Apr. 29, 1999
BH	5,617,424	Apr. 1, 1997	Murayama et al.	370/389	May 3, 1996
BI	2002/0133620	Sep. 19, 2002	Krause	709/238	Mar. 15, 2002
BJ	2002/0026517	Feb. 28, 2002	Watson, Jr.	709/228	Jun. 29, 2001
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	PUBLICATION DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
BK	WO 00/72159	Nov. 30, 2000	WIPO	G06F 13/00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER PRIOR ART (including author, title, date, pertinent page, etc.)					
BL	Nehmer et al, "A Fault Tolerance Approach for Distributed ISDN Control Systems", ACM SIGOPS European Workshop, Proceedings of the fourth workshop on ACM SIGOPS European workshop, 1990, Bologna, Italy, 1990, pp. 1-4.				
DATE CONSIDERED		EXAMINER			
EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP § 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.					